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Characters

Agari
Yamato

Ultimo

Vice

R

Dunstan

Iruma Tomonobito

Kodaira Rune

Sayama
Mahoto

Onabe Akitsuki

Matsunaga
Kiyose

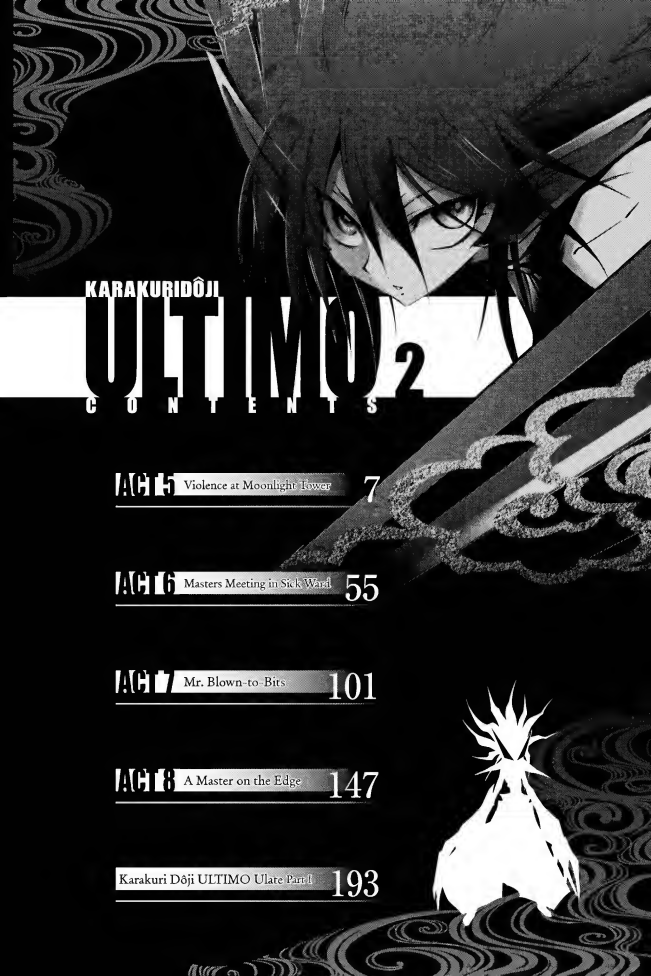
Onuma Hibari

Jealousy
embodiment of Envy

The Story Thus Far

In 12th century Kyoto, a bandit named Yamato encounters a mysterious man named Dunstan and two karakuri dōji. Which is stronger? The curtain rises on the ultimate battle!

In the 21st century, Yamato is reborn as Agari in West Tokyo and encounters the good dōji Ultimo. But evil Yamato and Vice, who have returned as well, are led by his old nemesis, Iruma, accompanied by an evil dōji named Jealousy, who embodies Envy, pays Yamato a visit. Iruma urges Yamato to sell him Ultimo for one hundred million yen! Will Yamato take the money or will good overcome greed?



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ULTIMO 2

C O N T E N T S

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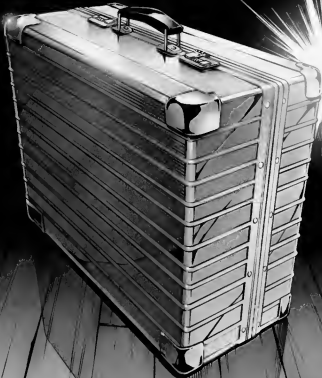
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THERE'S A
HUNDRED
MILLION IN
THE CASE.

ACT 5
VIOLENCE AT MOONLIGHT TOWER



SELL ME
ULTIMO!



ACT 5
VIOLENCE AT MOONLIGHT TOWER

KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

...ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

WHAT...

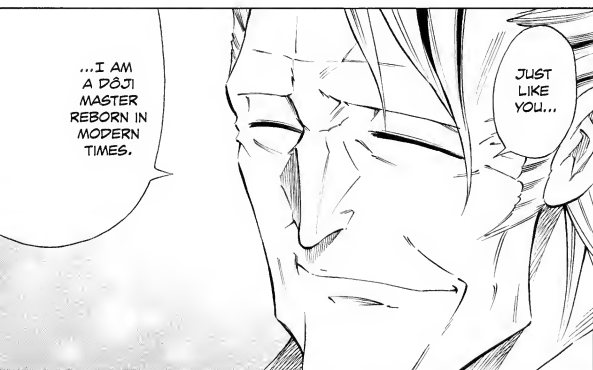


HUH?

...ARE
FROM MY
DREAM!!!

YOU
TWO
...

DAWN





...WHOSE LIVES
THE CRAZY
INVENTOR
DR. DUNSTAN
HAS RUINED.

...
VICTIMS
...

!!!

DUNSTAN



...FOR HIS
RIDICULOUS
EXPERIMENT TO
DETERMINE WHICH
IS STRONGER,
GOOD OR EVIL.
AS A RESULT,
MANY DIED.

LONG AGO
HE GAVE US
THE KARAKURI
DŌJŌ...

...



YES.

MERELY
SAYING
HIS NAME
BRINGS BACK
DETESTABLE
MEMORIES.



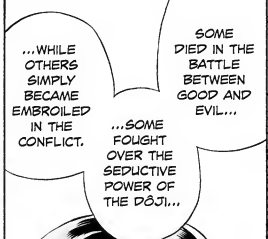
D...

DUNSTAN
...



THUS,
I HAVE
ONLY
ONE
AIM.

WE MUSTN'T
REPEAT THE
SAME MISTAKE
TWICE.



...WHILE
OTHERS
SIMPLY
BECAME
EMBROILED
IN THE
CONFLICT.

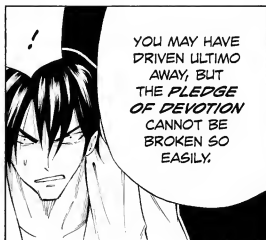
SOME
DIED IN THE
BATTLE
BETWEEN
GOOD AND
EVIL...

...SOME
FOUGHT
OVER THE
SEDUCTIVE
POWER OF
THE DŌJI...

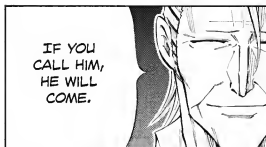


TO COLLECT
ALL THE KARAKURI
DŌJI WHO HAVE
REAWAKENED IN
THIS TIME AND
DESTROY THEM.

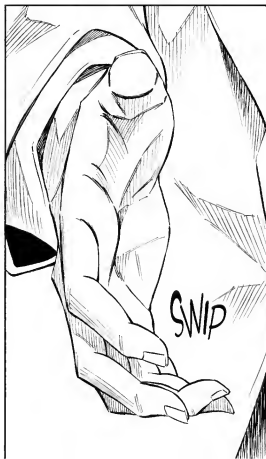




! YOU MAY HAVE
DRIVEN ULTIMO
AWAY, BUT
THE **PLEDGE
OF DEVOTION**
CANNOT BE
BROKEN SO
EASILY.



IF YOU
CALL HIM,
HE WILL
COME.



SNIP

WHAT
ABOUT
THAT
ONE?!

HOLD ON
A SECOND!
DESTROY
THEM?!

BESIDES,
I'VE
ALREADY--

YAMATO...

I UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU FEEL.
BUT THEY ARE
NOTHING MORE
THAN ROBOTS
DESIGNED TO
STRICTLY OBEY
THEIR MASTER.

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
HOW SUCH
FEELINGS ONCE
GAVE BIRTH
TO GREAT
TRAGEDY?



W...

WHAT A
CREEPY
OLD
MAN!



IF HE WAS
SUGGESTING
SOMETHING
GOOD, HE
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO
OFFER
MONEY.

I DON'T
CARE IF HE'S
A POLITICIAN
OR NOT. HE
BARGED INTO
MY HOUSE AND
TOLD ME TO
SELL ULTIMO.

...



NO MATTER
HOW YOU
LOOK AT IT,
SOMETHING'S
FISHY.



CALL HIM AND
PERFORM *THE*
PARTING
RITUAL.

LET US WORK
TOGETHER
FOR WORLD
PEACE.





I won't tell this, but it'd probably best if you don't come to party tonight.

SAYAMA!



FOR EXAMPLE, YOU COULD BUY A PRESENT FOR YOUR SWEETHEART.

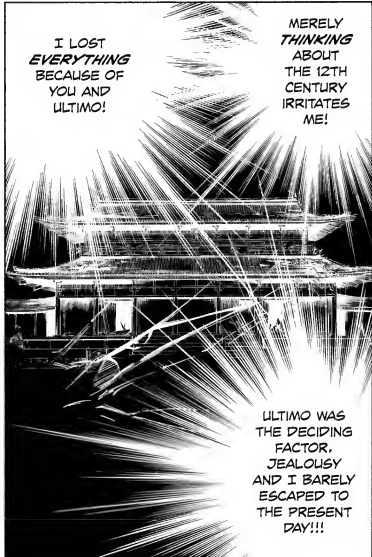






OF
COURSE
...

...I'M
LYING.
I WON'T
GIVE HIM
A SINGLE
YEN!!!



I LOST
EVERYTHING
BECAUSE OF
YOU AND
ULTIMO!

MERELY
THINKING
ABOUT
THE 12TH
CENTURY
IRRITATES
ME!

ULTIMO WAS
THE DECIDING
FACTOR.
JEALOUSY
AND I BARELY
ESCAPED TO
THE PRESENT
DAY!!!

EVEN IN THIS
LIFE HE IS
NOTHING BUT
A GREEDY
BANDIT!

SAYAMA
...

SAYAMA
...

SAYAMA
...

HE IS EASILY
BLINDED BY
MONEY!!!



Even
his name
means
he is the
ultimate!!!

Ultimo
is the
greatest
of the
good
Karakuri
Dôji.



Jealousy
may be a
newer
creation,
but Ultimo is
far more
powerful!

He is the
perfection
of beauty,
sweetness and
strength!



WHEN
YAMATO
SELLS
HIM, HE
WILL
FINALLY
BE
MINE!!!

ULTIMO
SHOULD
BELONG
TO *ME*!



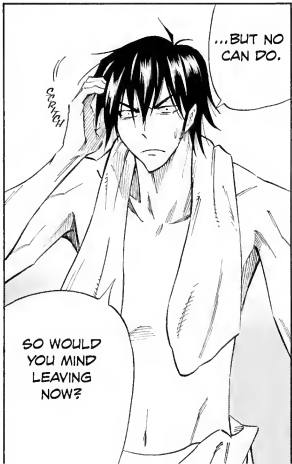
SORRY,
OLD
MAN...



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!!
DON'T YOU
WANT THIS
MONEY?!!

WHAT?!!

I WON'T
GIVE IT
TO YOU,
BUT STILL
...



...BUT NO
CAN DO.

SO WOULD
YOU MIND
LEAVING
NOW?

...BUT HE'S
NOT *MINE*
TO SELL.

WELL,
I *DO*
WANT
IT...

AND I DON'T
LIKE HAGGLING
OVER MONEY.



BESIDES
...



HEH
HEH

...USING A
PRESENT TO
SOLVE MY
PROBLEM
WITH
SAYAMA...

...DOESN'T
SEEM RIGHT.







...IT'S NOT
ABOUT THE
MONEY!

HOW MANY
TIMES DO
I HAVE TO
TELL YOU?!

WHUMP

IF YOU
DON'T,
YOU'LL BE
SORRY...

GOT IT?
NOW
SCRAM!
BOTH OF
YOU!

...



BRING IT ON.
YOU'VE GOT
ME PRIMED
FOR BATTLE.

I'M VERY
UPSET.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

LET GO!
IF YOU
DON'T...



WHAT,
YOU
WANNA
FIGHT?



IT'S NO USE!
HE WON'T
LISTEN TO
REASON!!!



TO FULFILL
MY AMBITIONS,
I MUST
**COMPLETELY
SEVER THEM!!!**



IF THEY RENEW
THE PLEDGE,
THEIR BOND WILL
BE STRONGER.
I HAVE NO
CHOICE!!!



ARGH...!

KILL
HIM
THIS
INSTANT
!!!

JEALOUSY!!

BOOM

WHY
ARE YOU
WAITING?!!
KILL HIM!!!

KILL HIM
WITH A
SINGLE
THRUST
BEFORE
ULTIMO
COMES
BACK!

AHA!!!
NOW
YOU
SHOW
YOUR
TRUE
SELF!!!

KSHANK

AS YOU
WISH.



A SINGLE
THRUST...

...FOR MY
MASTER.



INDEED,
DŌJI STRICTLY
OBEY THEIR
MASTERS...

...BUT THAT
IS ONLY TO
LEARN ABOUT
GOOD AND
EVIL.



WHA...



GASP



YOUR IDEA
OF EVIL
IS TOO
SHALLOW.

THERE IS
NOTHING
MORE
I CAN
LEARN
FROM
YOU.



WAIT...



WHAT DID
YOU JUST
DO?



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



I WILL
NOW
SEARCH
FOR
MY NEW
MASTER.
GOOD-
BYE.



YOU CAN'T
JUST *KILL*
PEOPLE!



HE WILL
BE SOON.
I DIDN'T
WANT HIM TO
BE DISTRAUGHT
BECAUSE I
LEFT HIM.



YOU
IMPALED
HIM.

IS HE
DEAD?



YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
WHY!



WHY?



...WILL YOU
BECOME MY
MASTER AND
TEACH
ME WHY?

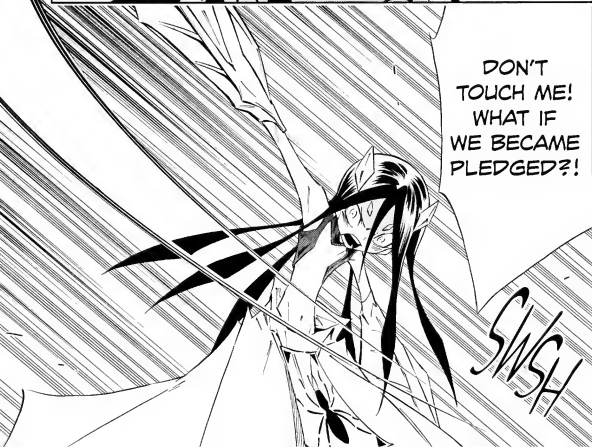
AGARI
YAMATO...

...I WILL
KILL YOU.

IF YOU
TRY TO
STOP ME
FOR ANY
OTHER
REASON...

WHY
KILL
ME?!

!!!
... ..





...!



I'M
BLEEDING
!!!



HE CUT
IT SO
BAD!!!

MY
ARM!





AARGH!!

IF MOM
COMES HOME,
I'M IN BIG
TROUBLE!



GAAAH

URGH!
THAT
GUY'S
DEAD!
AND
THERE'S
BLOOD
EVERY-
WHERE!



BUT
WHERE
DOES THE
DREAM
END AND
REALITY
BEGIN?

GIMME
A BREAK!
WHAT'S
GOING ON?
THIS LOOKS
JUST LIKE THE
CONTINUATION
OF MY
DREAM!



...BUT I WON'T
HAVE A CHANCE
TO CLEAR MY
NAME WITH
SAYAMA...

EVEN
IF I DIE,
MOM WILL
PROBABLY
FIND THIS
MONEY...

SO MUCH IS
GOING ON,
I'M DIZZY!



I WON'T
LET YOU
DIE.



SIGH...

ULTI MUST
PROTECT
YOU WITH HIS
OWN LIFE.

ULTIMO

...

ULTI LOOKS
AWAY FOR A
SECOND...

...AND
YOU
SHOW
UP!!!

WHUNK

...YOU'RE
PUSHING MY
HANNYA
PARAMETERS
TO THE LIMIT.

JEALOUSY...

FSSSHH

YOU
SHOULD LEAVE
IMMEDIATELY.



GAH!!!

...BECOME
A *SHURA*.

BEFORE
I...

POP







**YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO'S
GOING TO
DIE!!!**

**HYPO-
CRITE
!!!**







NNGH...
YOU
SURE
DON'T
HOLD
BACK!

WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT
BEFORE YOU
BECOME
A SHURA?

F
S
S
H
H



HEH
HEH
...



YOU'RE
ALREADY
A SHURA.

WAAAA



...ARE
YOU?

WHAT...



.....

ME?



A
SHURA?

YOU'RE
JUST TOO
WEAK,
JEALOUSY.

KRNC



A large, close-up panel of Ultimo's face. He has long, spiky hair and a smug, confident expression. His eyes are sharp and focused.

A DÔJI IS
POWERLESS
WITHOUT HIS
MASTER.

DID YOU
FORGET?

A smaller panel showing Ultimo's face from a slightly different angle, looking down with a slight smirk.

I'M GOING
TO ROAST
YOU ALIVE
WITH MY
ROCKET
BOOSTERS.

KRAK

A panel showing a close-up of Ultimo's right eye, which is looking intensely at the viewer.

IT WAS
STUPID OF
YOU TO KILL
YOUR OWN
MASTER.

A wide panel showing Ultimo and Ulti in a courtyard. Ulti is in the foreground, looking surprised with wide eyes and an open mouth. Ultimo is in the background, standing with his hands behind his back and a calm expression. A large exclamation mark is on the left.

STOP,
ULTIMO.



YOU WIN.
AND THAT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH.



HUFF

HE
CAN'T
FIGHT
ANY-
MORE.

HUFF

HUFF



MASTER
...?

...ULTIMO
DID IT
AGAIN!



UH-
OH...

NOW'S
MY
CHANCE
!!!



ULTIMO HAS
STOPPED
FIGHTING...



AGAIN?





DON'T,
JEALOUSY.

DON'T DO
ANYTHING
NOW TO
LOSE IT.

HE
SPARED
YOUR
LIFE.



YOU!

WHAT
?!





YOU'RE THE
GREATEST
DŌJI OF
GOOD. IF YOU
KEEP THIS UP,
IT'LL BE A
PROBLEM
FOR US.

LEARN TO
CONTROL
YOUR
TEMPER.



COME ON,
LET'S GO.
THE POLICE
ARE COMING.



SORRY,
REGULA...



WHA...

SHUMP

YAMATO,
COME
WITH US.

YOU MUST
HAVE MANY
QUESTIONS.

BUT
FIRST
WE'VE
GOT TO
FIX YOU
GUYS UP.





KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

ACT 6
MASTERS MEETING
IN SICK WARD

KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

**-Okutamamachi
in western Tokyo-**

HE IS ONE
OF THE SIX
STRONGEST
OF THE GOOD
KARAKURI DÔJI...
UNDER ULTIMO.

REGULA
REPRESENTS
DISCIPLINE.

VR000M

THEY ARE KNOWN
AS THE *SIX*
PERFECTIONS.

HA HA HA!
FOR SOMEONE
SO BIG, YOU'RE
AWFULLY
SPINELESS!

THERE
IT IS,
YAMATO.
JUST UP
AHEAD.

THAT
ABANDONED
HOSPITAL
IS OUR
HIDEOUT.

SIX
PERFEC-
TIONS?

VROOON

SIX QUALITIES
THAT PURIFY
THE SOUL.

OR SIX
TYPES OF
GOOD.

DISCIPLINE
MEANS
OBEYING
THE LAW.

BUT TWO
PEOPLE
ON A 50CC
BIKE IS
AGAINST
THE LAW...

IT'S THE
CLUB OF
GOOD
DÔJI.



精神 神経科 内科
しほりヶ丘病院

KARAKURI DÔJI ULTIMO
ACT 6
MASTERS MEETING
IN SICK WARD

...OF
GOOD
DÔJI?

THE
CLUB
...

HA HA HA!
NOT SO
LOUD,
YAMATO!

YOU
MUSTN'T
DRAW
ATTENTION.

YOU SURE
YOU GOT
THE RIGHT
HOSPITAL?!

I'VE
NEVER
HEARD
OF IT!!!

WHAT A
DUMB
NAME!

VROON

WE MUST
KEEP OUR
EXISTENCE
ABSOLUTELY
SECRET.

IF WE
DON'T, OUR
COMRADES
WILL SUFFER.

DIDN'T
YOU
HEAR?

OUR
COMRADES
ARE WAITING
FOR US.



HUH?



...AND THEIR
MASTERS.

THE SIX
GOOD
DÔJI...

THEY'RE A
WANDERING
BAND OF
FIGHTING
COMRADES.

LIKE YOU,
THEY EACH
MET A DÔJI
SOMETIME
IN THE PAST.
THEN AGAIN IN
THE PRESENT
DAY.

...I DIDN'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING.

UNTIL
A FEW
MOMENTS
AGO...



THIS WEIRD
OLD DUDE
AND INCREDIBLY
DORKY KARAKURI
DÔJI SUDDENLY
SHOWED UP IN MY
NEIGHBORHOOD.



JEALOUSY
HURT ME.
I WAS IN SO
MUCH PAIN I
PASSED OUT.

MASTER!

THUD

Whoa...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
ADMIT IT...
BUT I ALMOST
GOT CAUGHT
UP IN THE
SPIRIT OF
COMRADE-ERIE.
BUT I DON'T
WANT TO...



IT WAS
PITCH
BLACK.
NOT A
SOUL
WAS IN
SIGHT.

...I WOKE
UP AND
WAS AT
SOME KIND
OF SMALL
SHOP IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

THEN
...

EVE



EVEN MORE
SURPRISING,
MY WOUND HAD
COMPLETELY
DISAPPEARED.

??



WHIRR

eco

IT WAS
REAL.

I THOUGHT
MAYBE I WAS
DREAMING,
BUT WHEN I
LOOKED
UNDER THE
UNFAMILIAR
PONCHO, I
WAS NAKED.
LIKE SOMEONE
HAD PUT IT ON
ME WITHOUT ME
KNOWING IT.

I WAS BUGGED,
BUT THERE WAS NO
TIME FOR ARGUING.
I STARTED ASKING
QUESTIONS IN
A PANIC.

OH! YOU
AWAKE,
YAMATO?

WHEN HE
WAS DONE
SHOPPING IN
THE LITTLE
STORE,
THE WEIRD
OLD DUDE
CALLED OUT
TO ME LIKE
I WAS HIS
BEST FRIEND.

THE
OLD
DUDE
JUST
IGNORED
ME.

CALL ME
ECO.

HE SAID HE'S
THE BOSS OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
RESTAURANT, ECO
SUSHI. HE STOPPED
HERE TO BUY ME
SANDALS.

Ekoda Shin (38)
Sushi Chef

(L)



PROBABLY
TO AVOID
TALKING ABOUT
MY SITUATION.

HE EVEN
STARTED
BRAGGING
ABOUT HIS
FAMILY.



I DON'T
THINK
HE WAS
LYING.



...HE GAVE
VAGUE
ANSWERS
AND
LOOKED
AWAY.

WHEN I KEPT
ASKING HIM
QUESTIONS...



...WHILE I WAS
UNCONSCIOUS.

SOMETHING
HAD
HAPPENED
TO ME...

NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT IT,
HE COULDN'T
HAVE TOLD ME
EVERYTHING
THERE.



...AND
FOCUSED
ON EATING
THE ODEN
AND OTHER
GRUB HE'D
BOUGHT ME.

THIS
TASTES
GREAT!

I WAS SO
HUNGRY...



I COULD FEEL
IT WARMING MY
BODY AND SOUL.
I LOVE ODEN!

LATE AT NIGHT
IN THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE,
THAT FOOD
SURE TASTED
GOOD!



ACCORDING TO
THE OLD DUDE,
ALL OF THE
OTHER MASTERS
ARE NORMAL
PEOPLE LIKE
ME LEADING
NORMAL LIVES.



HE SAID
WE'D BE
GOING
TO THEIR
HIDEOUT
SOON.

Ya!

THEN
THIS
DORKY
D&J
SHOWED
UP.
AGAIN.



AS FOR
JEALOUSY
AND
IRUMA...



...BROUGHT ME
HERE, THEN
FLEW BACK TO
THE APARTMENT
FOR CLEAN-UP.

ULTIMO...

...ABOUT
WHAT
ULTIMO
MEANT, BY
CLEAN-UP.
BUT, I
DIDN'T
ASK.

...I WAS
A LITTLE
WORRIED...



YOU MEAN
LOTS
OF OTHER
PEOPLE
ARE GOING
THROUGH
THIS?!

HOLD ON!
THIS IS TOO
WEIRD!

WHY SO
SURPRISED?
YOU ALREADY
KNOW I'M GOING
THROUGH IT,
DON'T YOU?



COM-
RADES
?!!

YEAH. THEY'VE
ALL GATHERED
TO MEET YOU.



GO SHOW
THEM YOUR
FACE.

COME ON,
YAMATO.

WHUMP



SO
HOW'D
THEY
KNOW I'D
BE HERE
IN THE
MOUNTAINS
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT?!

D-DO YOU
REALLY HAVE
COMRADES?!

THEY'RE
ALL
NORMAL
PEOPLE
WITH
NORMAL
LIVES,
RIGHT?!



UGH

AAAAAACK!
WHY'D YOU
JUST PAUSE
LIKE THAT?!



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
DETAILS.

SKRRRK

JUST
WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU
ARE?



YOU'RE
NOISY!

WE PUT UP
BARRIERS,
BUT IF THEY
LEARNED OF
THIS PLACE,
IT WOULD
ALL BE FOR
NOTHING.

OUR
ENEMIES
ARE
KARAKURI
DÔJI WITH
POWER
EQUAL TO
OURS.

Pardoner.
Six Perfections:
Patience

ANOTHER
KARAKURI
DÔJI?!!

WHAT
?!!

WHO
ARE
YOU
?!!

OH,
IT'S
YOU.

YOU'RE
TOO LOUD.
SHUT UP
AND SHOW
ME YOUR
ARM.

IT SEEMS
YOUR WOUND
HAS NEARLY
HEALED.

YOUR
GENETIC
INFORMATION
HAS BEEN
REWRITTEN TO
TEMPORARILY
HYPER-ACTIVATE
YOUR CELLULAR
FUNCTIONS.

HMM.

?!
KIK
LIK

NEXT,
WE MUST
DAMPEN
THAT NOISY
VOICE OF
YOURS.

Vip

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT.
YOUR ARM
WILL RETURN
TO NORMAL
SOON.



HUH?!



LIKE I
SAID...

THAT'S THE
DOJI WHO
FIXED YOUR
ARM.

THE
DOJI
DISAP-
PEARED.

BUT I
MUSTN'T
SAY ANY
MORE.



...WE
AND THE
DOJI ARE
SECRET.

THAT
IS OUR
LAW.





I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M FOLLOWING HIM...

WATCH YOUR STEP.

WE'VE CLEANED THE PLACE UP A LITTLE, BUT IT'S STILL A WRECK.

WE'D LIKE TO RENT AN OFFICE IN THE CITY, BUT THAT WOULD INVOLVE OUTSIDERS.



THAT'S A RELIEF...

THAT OTHER DŌJI'S MASTER MUST BE NEARBY.

SECRECY ABOVE ALL, HUH?

SO AT LEAST IT'S NOT JUST ME AND THIS GUY.



ooo?

JUST A SECOND.



LIKE IRUMA, SOMETIMES EVIL WEARS A GOOD FACE.



THAT DŌJI HEALED MY ARM, BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE HE'S GOOD.



BUT I MUSTN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN!!!

HUH?



...IS
GOOD?

THEN
EXACTLY
WHAT...



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
APART-
MENT?

WHAT A
WASTE
OF TIME.

I'LL
NEVER
FIGURE
THAT
OUT.

MOM
MUST HAVE
FREAKED
WHEN SHE
SAW THAT
HOLE.



...AND I'M
IN THIS
PLACE
ALONE
WITH THIS
WEIRD
OLD GUY.

I MISSED
SAYAMA'S
BIRTHDAY
PARTY...

*Memory from last year.

16
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

...I WON'T
HAVE AN
EXCUSE!

ARGH

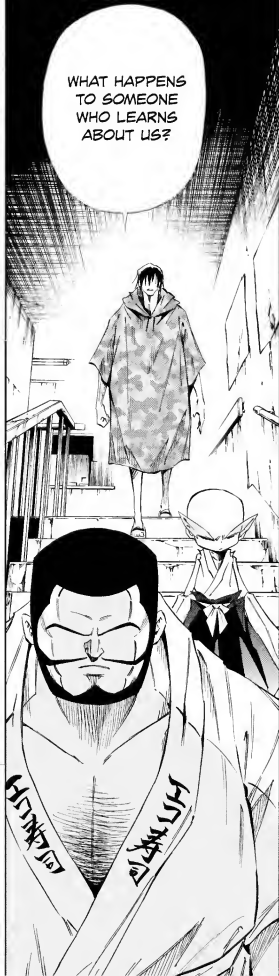
SINCE
EVERYTHING'S
TOP SECRET...

I WANT
TO ASK YOU
SOMETHING.

HEY.

(SICK WARD 2)

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THAT'S
WHAT
REGULA
DOES.

WE
MANIPULATE
THEIR
MEMORY.





...IS
FRIGHTENING,
ISN'T IT?

A DŌJI'S
POWER...



THAT'S HIS
POWER.

REGULA
INTRODUCES
ELECTRICITY TO
THE HIPPOCAMPUS
AND REWRITES
THEIR MEMORY.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IT MYSELF,
BUT I'VE SEEN
IT WORK.

THE EXISTENCE
OF DŌJI HAS
NEVER BEEN
EXPOSED...

...BECAUSE
REGULA
CHANGES ALL
INCIDENTS
INVOLVING
DŌJI INTO
SOMETHING
ELSE.



THAT'S HIS
CLEAN-UP.



...
THEN IT
WON'T
LOOK LIKE
IRUMA'S
FAULT?

HE WAS
GIVEN THIS
POWER IN
ORDER TO
PROTECT
THE LAW.

THE
EXISTENCE
OF THE
KARAKURI
DŌJI ISN'T
SOMETHING
LIKE A POLITICIAN
LIKE IRUMA
CAN HIDE.

IF THE
WORLD KNEW,
BAD PEOPLE
WOULD TRY
TO STEAL IT.

THE
POWER
OF THE
DŌJI
CHANGES
THE
WORLD.



DOES
THAT
MEAN...

...WITH MY
FRIENDS'
MINDS?!!

...YOU
MESSED
...



YOU
KNOW
WHAT.



IF WE
HAVE,
WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO ABOUT
IT?



...



REGULA.



WIP



I BEAT
YOU UP, AND
YOU RETURN
EVERYTHING
TO NORMAL!!!



THAT
LITTLE
BALDY
!!!!

WHA-! HE'S
STRONG.
I CAN'T
BUDGE
AN INCH!!!



WHAT A
SIMPLETON.

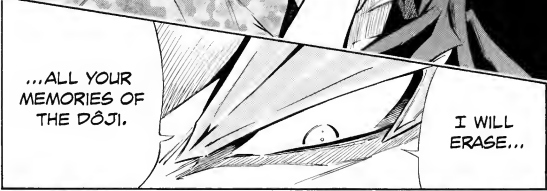
YOU
CAN'T JUST
LISTEN
QUIETLY?



!!!



YOU ARE
UNFIT TO
BE THE
ULTIMO
MASTER.



...ALL YOUR
MEMORIES OF
THE DÔJI.

I WILL
ERASE...



YOU'RE
NOT A
GOOD
DÔJI!

I KNEW
YOU GUYS
WERE EVIL!

WHAT?!

PLEASE!!!

...I'LL
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU!!!

ARGH!
IF YOU'VE
MESSED
WITH
SAYAMA...

?!

OH?

LIKE I SAID,
WHAT'RE YOU
GONNA DO
ABOUT IT?

WHAT?!

BOOM

U
L
T
I
M
O
!!!

P
L
E
A
S
E
!

T
E
A
C
H
T
H
E
S
E
G
U
Y
S
...

SHINJI

SHINJI



...A

...ZON!!!

SKRASSH



BONK

UMPH!

SHAK

SHAK

SHAK

SHAK

!!!
.....



...YOU
RELY ON
ULTI.

BUT I'M
HAPPY
THAT...



THE
MASTER
OF A
GOOD
DŌJI...

...MUSTN'T
GIVE SUCH
ORDERS.



HA
HA
HA!



PHEW!



I ASKED HIM
TO LET ME
TEST YOU.



DON'T
GET MAD
AT ULTI.

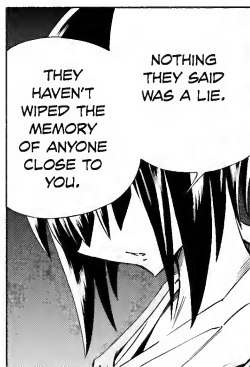
SORRY,
YAMATO.



YOU
SHOWED
ME HOW
MUCH
YOU CARE
ABOUT
OTHERS.

THAT'S
WHY
YOU'RE
OUR
LEADER.





ONE OF THE SIX
PERFECTIONS.
PARDONNER.
I REPRESENT
NINNIKU,
PATIENCE.



WHO
ARE
YOU?!

?!
?



NINNIKU?!
GARLIC?!



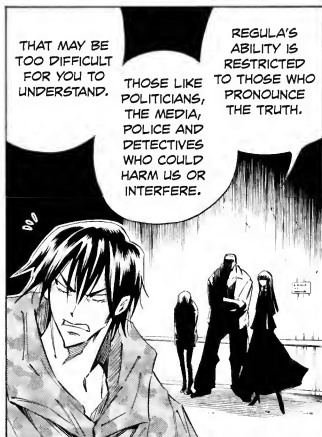
YOU MUST
FOLLOW
PARDONNER'S
EXAMPLE AND
LEARN TO
FORGIVE.

TAK

AND
FORGIVENESS OF
THE IMPOSITIONS
OF OTHERS.

PATIENCE,
AS IN
TOLERANCE.







WE HAVE
CONNECTED
WITH OUR DÔJI.
THE CLUB OF
GOOD DÔJI
IS REAL.

ALL YOU
NEED TO
DO RIGHT
NOW IS
ACCEPT THE
FACTS.

**Kumegawa
Hiroshi (21)**
Street punk

**Oizumi
Yoichi (42)**
Salesman

**Shina
Machi (28)**
Fortune-teller



W H A A A T
?!!

...AND YOU
ARE THE
ULTIMATE
IDIOT.



WHEN REGULA'S
POWER COULD
SPARE YOU THE
NEED TO GIVE
YOUR SWEETHEART
A COMPLICATED
EXCUSE, WHY
REFUSE IT?

**Murayama
Musashi (16)**
Student



AGARI
YAMATO...

...THE
WORLD
YOU ARE
ENTERING
IS REAL
AND
DOESN'T
OBEY
LOGIC.

少年ジカニ
・せんぶ漫画・せんぶ





I SEE.

JEALOUSY
FINALLY
GAVE UP
ON IRUMA.



OUR GOAL
IS TO KNOW
MANY KINDS
OF EVIL AND
BECOME ITS
ULTIMATE
FORM.

RRRRMMN

THAT'S
FINE.



...WHAT
ARE YOU
MUMBLING
ABOUT?

VICE...



(SPARROW MANOR)

すずめ荘

SHUT
UP, K.



METALLICA
DICKEN

HA HA!

OH,
RIGHT.
SORRY,
VICE!

BE
QUIET
AND
MAKE
MY
DINNER.

TODAY
I'M MAKING
HAMBURGER
STEAK!
YOUR
FAVORITE!

HEH
HEH
HEH!

TRY AS
THEY MIGHT,
THEY CANNOT
WIN.

SHLIK

DO
NOT
KILL.

...



THAT IS
PART OF
THEIR
LAW.





KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

I'VE GOT
TO TELL
YAMATO!

SOMEONE'S
HIDING THE
EXISTENCE OF
THE KARAKURI
DŌJI.

ACT 7 MR. BLOWN-TO-BITS



KODAIRA
RUNE?

THROOOOOW

?!



WHOA!

I CAN
SEE...



YES?

CAN I
HELP
YOU?



...
AND THE
DARKNESS,
THE SWIRLING
ENVY IN YOUR
HEART.

...
YOUR
PAST
AND
FUTURE
...



ACT 7

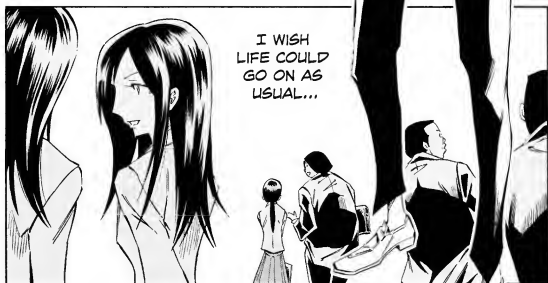
MR. BLOWN-TO-BITS

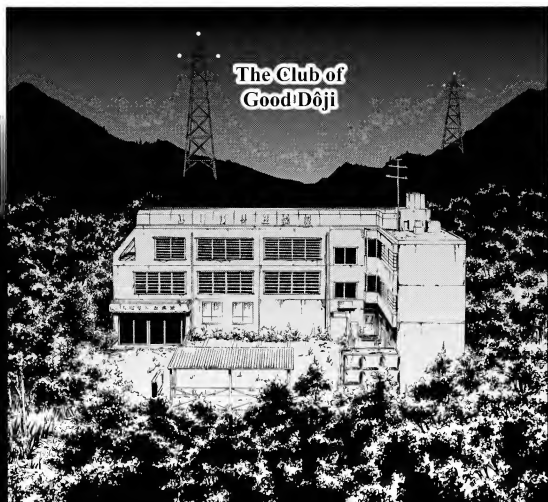
HERE I AM,
STANDING AS
IF NOTHING
HAPPENED.

Senjo
Academy



I WISH
LIFE COULD
GO ON AS
USUAL...







I THOUGHT
ONE OF THE
DOJI WOULD
HAVE RETURNED
EVERYTHING TO
NORMAL...

I GOT
HOME
LATE
AFTER
MEETING
THE OTHER
SO-CALLED
GOOD
DOJI
MASTERS.



BUT THAT ISN'T
PRACTICAL
BECAUSE IT
EXPENDS TOO
MUCH OF A
DÔJI'S POWER.

I WISH WE
HAD A DÔJI
SKILLED IN
CONSTRUCTION
...

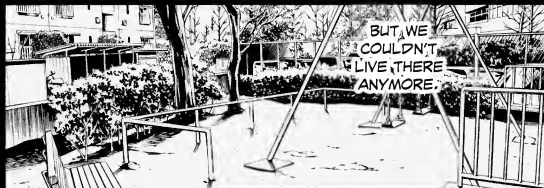
ECO SAYS
THE ONLY WAY
TO FIX IT IS TO
TURN BACK
TIME.

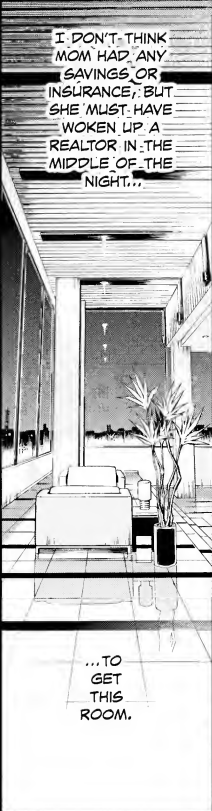
I'M
LEAVING
BEFORE
SOMEONE
SEES ME.

ALL THE
RESIDENTS
WERE
EVACUATED.

DESPITE EVERYTHING
BEING SO SURREAL,
IT WAS HARSH REALITY
THAT AWAITED ME.

THE PLACE
HAD BEEN
TAPED OFF,
BUT THE
POLICE
AND FIRE
TRUCKS HAD
ALREADY
LEFT.





I DON'T THINK
MOM HAD ANY
SAVINGS OR
INSURANCE, BUT
SHE MUST HAVE
WOKEN UP A
REALTOR IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
NIGHT...

...TO
GET
THIS
ROOM.



THIS
WAS
OUR
NEW
HOME.

A
LUXURY
HIGH-
RISE!!!

...SHE
TOOK THAT
100 MILLION
YEN!!!

BEFORE
THE POLICE
SHOWED UP...

THAT'S
WHY SHE
WAS
FREAKING.



NIGHT FELL, AND
INVESTIGATION
OF THE SITE
RESUMED. THEY
ASKED ME A BUNCH
OF QUESTIONS,
BUT WHAT WAS
THE POINT?



I JUST
LEFT IT
ALONE.



MOM DIDN'T
ASK WHERE
THE MONEY
CAME FROM,
AND I DIDN'T
TELL HER.



WHEN
THEY
DISCOVER
THE
TRUTH,
HE
WILL
STEP
IN.



A CREEPY
DÔJI WHO
MANIPULATES
PEOPLE'S
MEMORIES TO
PRESERVE
THE *LAW*.

REGULA, WHO
REPRESENTS
DISCIPLINE.



...BUT
THE MEDIA
REPORTED
ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING.

RESIDENTS
CLAIMED THEY
HAD SEEN A
FLYING CHILD...



THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO.



!!

GOOD
MORNING,
YAMATO!
YOU'RE
UP AND
AT 'EM
EARLY
TODAY.

YOUR
SEIKEN:
TRUE
FIST®
HAS TRAI-
MATIZED
ME!

NO!
PLEASE!

※ SEE PAGE 205.

WHY
COULDN'T
YOU JUST
BE *NICE*?!

TEE-HEE!
YOU
LOOKED
BUMMED!
I WANTED
TO CHEER
YOU UP!

Oume Hibari (16)

ARE YOU
STILL ALIVE,
MR. BLOWN-
TO-BITS?
I THOUGHT
THE BUS
BOMB GOT
YOU!

GOOD
MORNING,
YAMATO.

Otake Akitsu (16)

Matsumoto Kiyose (17)

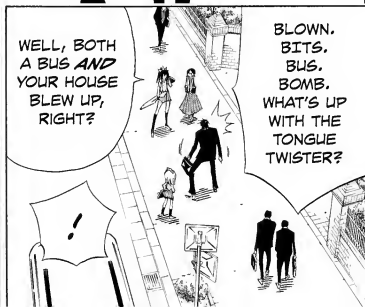
THAT'S
WHAT
EVERY-
ONE
THINKS.

OH, I
SEE...

WELL
SURE,
BUT...

WELL, BOTH
A BUS **AND**
YOUR HOUSE
BLEW UP,
RIGHT?

BLOWN.
BITS.
BUS.
BOMB.
WHAT'S UP
WITH THE
TONGUE
TWISTER?



WHAT?!
YOU TRYIN'
TO PICK A
FIGHT?!

TSK!
YOU MUST
HAVE DONE
SOMETHING
BAD TO
DESERVE TWO
RIDICULOUS
ACCIDENTS IN
JUST ONE
DAY.

NO.

AND HE'S
NEVER
MISSED
A DAY
BEFORE.

RUNE
DIDN'T?!

KODAIRA
DIDN'T
COME TO
SCHOOL
YESTER-
DAY.

WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO HIM?

IF YOU'VE
HURT HIM,
I'LL MAKE
YOU *PAY*.

WHAT ARE
YOU SO
SHOCKED
ABOUT?!

WHAT?!
HE WASN'T
WITH YOU
ALL DAY?!

ME?

I THOUGHT
HE WENT TO
SCHOOL...

GACK

G-GACK

YOU
GUYS...

...ARE ALWAYS
TOGETHER,
SO I JUST
THOUGHT...

I
KNOW!

IT MUST
BE THE
FLYING
CHILD!!!

YOU JUST
THOUGHT
WHAT?!





JUST
NOT SO
SOON!!!

UH-OH!

I KNEW
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN
...



NO, THOSE
AREN'T RIGHT.
THEY DON'T
EVEN MAKE
SENSE!!!

WHAT SHOULD
I SAY? YOU'RE
MIXING FOXES
WITH DOGS?
APPLES WITH
ORANGES?



LYING
ABOUT
THIS IS
HARDER
THAN I
EXPECTED!!!

AARGH!



YOU
IMAGINED
IT.



BESIDES,
KIDS
CAN'T
FLY.

THERE
WAS
SMOKE
EVERY-
WHERE...

...AND I
DIDN'T SEE
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT.



RIGHT,
YAMATO?



I'M ALWAYS
IMAGINING
WHAT SHE'S
LIKE, BUT
THIS IS...

THAT
ANGELIC
VOICE
...!!!

EVEN IN REAL
LIFE SHE'S
UNBELIEVABLY
CUTE!!!

...REALLY,
REALLY
HER!!!

SH E E N

Sayama Makoto (17)

SHE
SPOKE
TO
ME?!

TOO BAD
ABOUT
LAST NIGHT,
YAMATO.

...I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY!!!

...
WITH ALL
THAT'S
HAPPENED
...
BUT
...

YOW!!!

SHE'S
AVOIDING
LOOKING
AT ME!!!

I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT,
THOUGH.

SAYAMA...

...

GACK!
YOU'RE
RIGHT!

C'MON,
GIRLS!
WE'LL BE
LATE FOR
HOMEROOM!



YEAH.

THEY LEFT.



NO MATTER HOW COOL SAYAMA MAY BE, IT SEEMS YESTERDAY WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER...



THERE REALLY IS NO EXCUSE FOR WHAT YOU DID, THOUGH.

THAT'S TOO BAD.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU SKIPPED HER PARTY, RIGHT?

GAH! HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!!

WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL
THEM ABOUT
THE DŌJI?

RUNE...?



WE SHOULDN'T
TALK ABOUT
THAT HERE,
YAMATO.



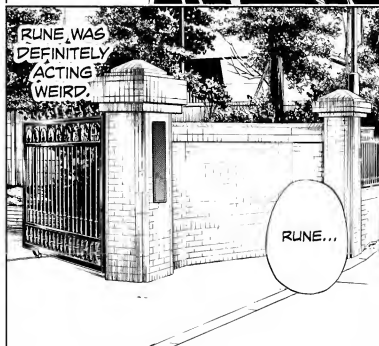
...I COULD
IMAGINE WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN
IF THE WORLD
FOUND OUT.

*EVEN IF
I WERE
NO ONE
SPECIAL...*



...IF
THERE'S
A SECRET
ONLY WE
KNOW
ABOUT?

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT,
ISN'T
IT...



AND THIS
SECRET IS
DISTANCING
ME FROM
MY FRIENDS.

I MUST
KEEP THE
DÔJI A
SECRET.



HE WASN'T
LIKE THE
RUNE I
KNOW.



...MAYBE
I'VE
CHANGED.

NO...

...IS IT ALL
RIGHT TO
LET THEM
RUN FREE?

VICE...

すずめ荘

THE SIX
PERFECTIONS
HAVE
GATHERED.

IF WE
DON'T ACT,
THEY'LL KEEP
GETTING
STRONGER.

IF
THOSE
TWO...

...SEAL
THEIR
PLEDGE...

...WHEN
DID YOU
START
GIVING
THE
ORDERS?

K...

HEH
HEH
HEH...

I DRINK
IT STRAIGHT!
OTHERWISE
IT'S TOO
WATERY!

WHOA!
YOU DRAINED
ANOTHER
BOTTLE OF
CONCENTRATE!!

...IT'S BECAUSE
THERE'S NO
NEED TO DO
ANYTHING!

KLAK KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
I'M NOT
REFRAINING
FROM ACTION
BECAUSE I'M
INJURED...

A large, high-contrast black and white close-up of Vegeta's face. He has a serious, intense expression with his eyes looking slightly to the side. His spiky hair is rendered with sharp, angular lines.

THE
STRONGER
GOOD
GETS...

...THE
STRONGER
EVIL
GETS.

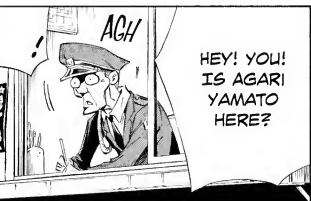
A smaller black and white close-up of Vegeta's face, similar to the one above but with a slightly different angle and expression, appearing more contemplative or questioning.

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND,
K?



IF WE DO
ANYTHING
NOW, IT
COULD FAIL!

OUR SCHEME
IS ALREADY
IN MOTION.



HEY! YOU!
IS AGARI
YAMATO
HERE?



AGARI...?

I FOUND
IT! SENJO
ACADEMY!!!

YAAAAH!!!





AND
LOOKS
LIKE AN
IDIOT!

YEAH!
HE'S
REAL
TALL!

Koganei Hana (5)



...
MOMMY
AND
DADDY
ARE
GONE!!!

MY
TEACHER
SAID...

MAYBE I
SHOULD
CALL THE
POLICE...

...I'M
SORRY
TO HEAR
THAT.

OH, MY...

STOP!
YOU CAN'T
GO IN
ALONE!

IF AGARI
YAMATO'S
HERE,
I'M GOING
IN!!!

DON'T
WORRY!
I'M NOT
LONELY!





...TO
FIGHT
YOU!!!

BWOMP

WA HA HA HA

EATER
CAN'T
WAIT...

Eater
The Seven Deadly Sins:
Gluttony



HIIN.

I'VE BEEN
KEEPING
THE DOJI
SECRET, BUT
NOW ONE
JUST COMES
BARGING IN?!

WHO
IS THAT
GIANT?!

WHAT IS
THAT?

ARGH!
NOW
WHAT
DO I
DO?!

UH...
YAMATO?
THEY
WANNA
TALK TO
YOU.

I'LL
PRETEND
TO BE
ASLEEP...

SHE
MUST
BE EVIL,
BUT...
A
CHILD
?!

WHO IS
SHE?

STOP
SHOUTING
MY
NAME!!!

C'MON!
WAKE UP,
AGARI
YAMATO!

WAIT A
SECOND.
CAN YOU CALL
A LITTLE GIRL
A MASTER?!

NOT THAT I
CARE, BUT...

HM?

I TOTALLY
DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW D&J
CHOOSE
MASTERS.

...

...ARE YOU
LAUGHING AT
ME CUZ I'M
A CHILD?

ZING

AGARI
YAMATO
...

THIS IS
WHAT I
DO TO
PEOPLE
WHO
LAUGH
AT ME!

WHA
M

THE
GYM
!!!

TCH...





I'M GONNA
SMASH YOU
AND THIS
WHOLE
PLACE!

SWEEP

OUR TARGET
IS THE DOLL.

ANYONE CAN
TAKE YOUR
PLACE.

HEH...

IS ULTIMO, THE
DOLL I SAW
YESTERDAY?

YAMATO...

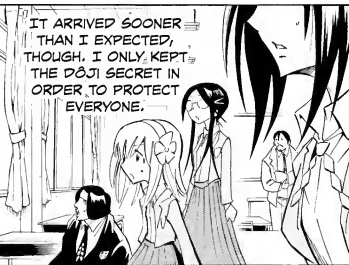
...



WHAT?!



EVER SINCE
I MET THE
DÔJI, I KNEW
THIS DAY
WOULD COME.



IT ARRIVED SOONER
THAN I EXPECTED,
THOUGH. I ONLY KEPT
THE DÔJI SECRET IN
ORDER TO PROTECT
EVERYONE.

NOW
THERE'S
NO
NEED
FOR
THAT.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
YOU GOT
HERE...

...BUT YOU'LL
REGRET
ATTACKING
MY SCHOOL.



...AND
THEN
DISAP-
PEAR!

...LET'S
SHOW THEM
WHAT THE
PLEDGE
DID FOR US.

ULTIMO...

I'M
GOING
TO
BEAT
THE
SNOT
OUT
OF
YOU...





KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO



NOW
THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR
THAT.

I KEPT
THE DÔJI
SECRET TO
PROTECT
EVERYONE.

ACT 8 A MASTER ON THE EDGE

...AND THEN
DISAPPEAR!

I'M GOING
TO BEAT
THE SNOT
OUT OF
YOU...

...LET'S
SHOW THEM
WHAT THE
PLEDGE
DID FOR US.

ULTIMO...

ZING

FW OOSH

....!!!

YES,
YAMATO-
SAMA.

ユリーモ!!!



...IS MY
COMMAND.

YOUR
WISH...

ACT 8
A MASTER ON THE EDGE



WHERE
DID HE
COME
FROM?!!

YOU
TOOK THE
PLEDGE?!
NO WAY!
YOU JUST
MET
YESTERDAY!

IT'S LIKE HE
APPEARED
OUT OF
NOWHERE!!!

YOU
CAN'T
SEAL
THE
PLEDGE
IN ONE
DAY!!!

WHOOA



BUT WE
DIDN'T
JUST MEET
YESTERDAY.

OF
COURSE
NOT.

...I
REMEMBERED
EVERYTHING.

AFTER THE
PLEDGE...



...ULTIMO
HAS BEEN
MY DÔJI.

SINCE
LONG
AGO...

LEAVE.

I'D HATE
TO KEEP
BREAKING
YOUR DÔJI.

WITH THE
PLEDGE
COMPLETE,
HE IS VASTLY
MORE
POWERFUL
THAN YOU.



HE MUST
HAVE
USED A
KARAKURI
HENGE...

WHEN
DID THAT
HAPPEN?

...!!!



SO YOU
REALLY
DID...

...TO
CUT OFF
EATER'S
ARM!



...AND
BECOME
MASTER
AND PAGE!

...COMPLETE
THE PLEDGE
OF DEVOTION...





EVER SINCE
YESTERDAY,
YOU'VE BEEN
ACTING
DIFFERENT.



I'VE
NOTICED
SOME-
THING.

TELL
ME.



WHAT
IS THAT
OUTSIDE?



...FLYING?

AND WHY
IS THAT
KID I SAW
IN YOUR
ROOM...



WHAT IS
GOING ON?



SAYAMA...

...





...COMPLETED
YOUR PLEDGE
WITH ULTI?

...HAVE
YOU...

Ekoda Shin (38)

Sushi chef Nickname: Eco



CUZ
I *FELT*
LIKE IT!!!

UGH...
WHY'D YOU
DO *THAT*?!



TSK!

DON'T TALK
ABOUT THE
PLEDGE IN
FRONT OF
OTHERS!
IT'S EMBAR-
RASSING!

ARGH

WHAAT?!!

IN OTHER
WORDS, YOU
HAVEN'T.

...YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THE
PLEDGE IS.

YAMATO
...

Shakujii Koun (66) Doctor

AARGH!!

HOW
COULD
I?! I
JUST MET
ULTIMO
THIS
MORNING!

...
ANYTHING.

YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...



I CAME
ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE TO
MEET YOU.

YOU
WANNA
DIE?!

SHAP
POP.



...AND
DO IT
ALREADY.

JUST
SHUT
UP..

Kumegawa Hiroshi (21) Street punk



YAMATO IS
STILL TOTALLY
GREEN. WE
MUST TEACH
HIM GENTLY.

TAKE
IT EASY
ON ME!

STOP IT,
HIROSHI.

HEY!

Shina Machi (28) Fortune-teller



YIKES!
HE DOESN'T
LOOK GOOD
AT ALL!



YOU
WANNA
FIGHT
ABOUT
IT?
HUH?

DADOOM

HUHH?

SINCE WHEN
DO YOU CALL
ME HIROSHI?

THEY
DON'T
GET
ALONG
?!!



I'M
WARNING
YOU...

MY D&J
COULD
WASTE
YOURS
ANY DAY.

DADOOM



PERHAPS...

...I
SHOULD
CALL MY
D&J.

**DA
DOOM**



THIS IS YAMATO'S
FIRST DAY. STOP
QUARRELING.

SWIP

THAT'S
ENOUGH.

...I'LL
LOOSE
MY DÔJI
ON BOTH
OF YOU!

OR
ELSE...

Oizumi Yôichi (42) Salesman

...IS
GOING
ON?

WHAT...

...ARE MY
FELLOW
GOOD DÔJI
MASTERS!

THESE
GUYS...

...A TEAM
AT ALL!

BUT THEY
AREN'T...

WE WERE
JUST
JOKING,
ANYWAY.

ALL
RIGHT,
YOU'VE
MADE
YOUR
POINT.

WHAT?! THAT
WEAKLING
PUSHES THEM
AROUND?!



THE CLUB
OF GOOD
DŌJI HASN'T
BEEN
AROUND
LONG.

THAT'S
WHY WE
NEED A
LEADER.

HOW
COULD
WE BE A
TEAM
YET?

LIKE YOU,
WE ALL JUST
RECENTLY
ENCOUNTERED
OUR DŌJI.

YOU...

I'M
MURAYAMA
MUSASHI,
A HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENT
LIKE YOU.

YOU CAN
CALL ME
MUSASHI,
YAMATO.

Murayama Musashi (16)
Student



YOU'RE
GONNA TAKE
THE PLEDGE
AND FORMALLY
BECOME ULTI'S
MASTER, RIGHT?

BECAUSE
ULTIMO'S
THE MOST
GOOD DÔJI.

THE
STRONGEST
GUY HAS TO
BE LEADER,
OF COURSE.

MURAYAMA...
WHY AM
I THE
LEADER?!

...ARE YOU
GOING TO
REFUSE?

OR...

YOU
CAN'T,
RIGHT?

...!

FRAGMENTS
OF THE
PAST...

WHO YOU
WERE...
YOUR DAYS
WITH ULTI...

BECAUSE
YOU'RE
ALREADY
REMEM-
BERING.



HOW DO
YOU KNOW
THAT...?

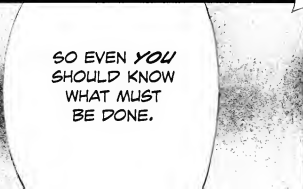


WE'VE
ALL BEEN
THROUGH
THE SAME
THING.

I
ALREADY
TOLD
YOU.



IT'S TOO
LATE FOR
YOU TO JUST
THROW HIM
AWAY!



SO EVEN *YOU*
SHOULD KNOW
WHAT MUST
BE DONE.



...
IS TO
CAPTURE
THAT
OLD
MAN!

OUR
ONE
GOAL
...



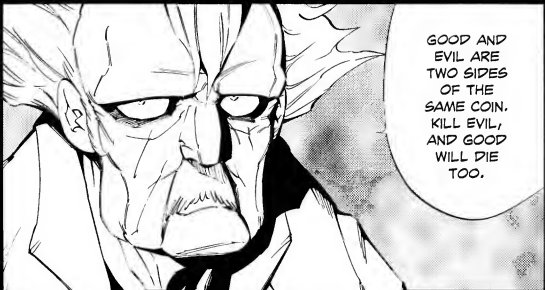
...
DUNSTAN?

YOU
WANT TO
CAPTURE
...



...WE
CANNOT
DESTROY
EVIL.

YAMATO...



GOOD AND
EVIL ARE
TWO SIDES
OF THE
SAME COIN.
KILL EVIL,
AND GOOD
WILL DIE
TOO.



YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
**HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL,**
RIGHT?



IF THAT
HAPPENED
NOW, THE
POWER OF THE
DÔJI WOULD
DESTROY THE
WORLD.



...WE MUST
CUT THE
PROBLEM
OFF AT THE
SOURCE.

IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

DON'T
THINK
TOO
HARD.
YOU'LL
BLOW A
FUSE.

OH...
UH, I
SEE...

HE
TRAVERSES
SPACE AND
TIME, AND
WILL NOT
BE EASY
TO CATCH.

DUNSTAN
IS OUR
FATHER.

GOT
THAT,
DIMWIT?

BUT FOR NOW
WE SIMPLY
BUILD UP OUR
STRENGTH AND
FEND OFF
ATTACKS.

...THERE
ISN'T A
MOMENT
TO LOSE.

AS
YOU
CAN
SEE...

...!

YAMATO...

...YOU MUST
TAKE THE
PLEDGE AND
INCREASE
IN POWER.

...THAT I'M
LEAVING TO
CAPTURE AN
OLD MAN
WHO TRAVELS
ACROSS SPACE
AND TIME
AND MAKES
ROBOTS.

THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN TELL
SAYAMA...



SHE WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND.
BESIDES, IF I
SAID ANY MORE,
ECO AND REGULA
WOULD HAVE TO
STEP IN.

I'LL BE
BACK
LATER.

SORRY,
SAYAMA.



...BUT IF SHE
FORGOT ME,
THIS WOULD
ALL BE FOR
NOTHING!

I WISH
THEY
COULD
MAKE
HER
FORGET
EVERY-
THING...

YAMATO?!

YAMATO
?!!



LET'S GO,
ULTIMO!

GRAAAAH!!!

WHOOOOOOSH





YES,
YAMATO-
SAMA.



THAT'S...

...PROOF
OF THE
PLEDGE!

A
KARAKURI
CREST!!!

KLAK

...IS MY
COMMAND.

YOUR
WISH...

KA

TAK

...IS MY
COMMAND.

YOUR
WISH...

KIA TAK

...IS MY
COMMAND.

YOUR
WISH...

KAK TAK

STOP
THEM,
EATER!

URGH--

KAT
AK

IT'S
GETTING
BIGGER.





...DEMON
KUMADE!!

KARAKURI
HENGGE...!

TO K



...
ATTACK
!!!

NOW...



**KUMADE
CIRCUS!**

GO!!



IF YOU
DODGE,
THEY'LL
BLOW
UP THE
SCHOOL!

WA
HA
HA
HA!

SHOOM



YIII!





KABOO!

!

THAT'S
...

HE
BLOCKED
THEM!!

UH-OH!

SSHHHHH

神
童

GOD
ULTIMO!!

機巧
変
死

KARAKURI
HENGE!





初

GOD
ULTIMO!!

高

機巧変死

KARAKURI HENGGE!



IT'S
LIKE THE
SUN...



...BUT
LOOKS SO
STRONG...

IT'S SO
BRIGHT...

THIS IS
ULTIMO
AFTER THE
PLEDGE...



喜
星
GOD
ULTIMO!!



機巧

KARAKURI

変身

HENGE!



THAT'S
RIGHT.

NO ONE
CAN STAND
AGAINST US
WHEN WE
ARE ONE!

ULTI AND I
DEVELOPED
THIS STYLE
OF COMBO
FIGHT IN THE
HEIAN PERIOD.

NOW
LEAVE.

THIS IS
YOUR
LAST
WARNING.

VEN

...
MAYBE I
COULD...

...
BUT
...

I MIGHT
LOSE...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

UGH...

URK

THEY'RE TOO
STRONG FOR
YOU. YOU
SHOULD GO.

NO,
HANA.

RIGHT,
JEALOUSY?

KODAIRA
...?!

TCH! HOW
CAN THEY
STAND TO
BE IN THAT
UGLY
FORM?

...IS MY
COMMAND.

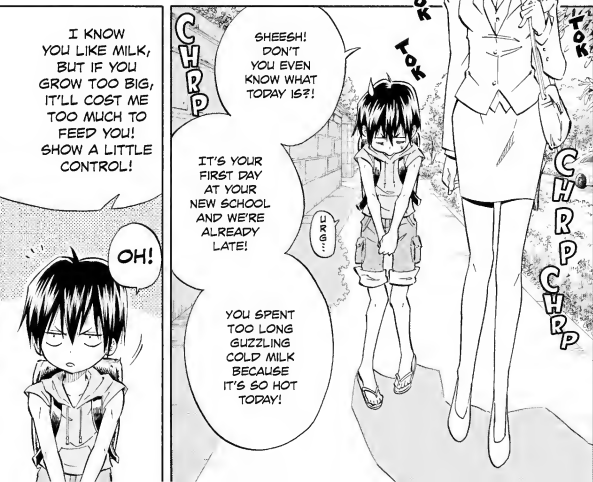
YOUR
WISH...



KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO



Karakuri Dôji ULTIMO Ulate Part 1
Seven years ago.





機巧童子

ULTIMO ULATE

PART 1

BRIGHT-EYED FIFTH GRADERS!



original **STAN LEE**
story **HIROYUKI TAKEI**

art &
story **JK**



I'D LIKE TO
INTRODUCE
A NEW
STUDENT WHO
TRANSFERRED
HERE BECAUSE
OF FAMILY
CIRCUMSTANCES.
HE WILL BE
JOINING US IN
CLASS 5-2.





URGH!
THEY'VE
BEEN
SURROUNDING
ME THE
WHOLE
RECESS!
IF I DON'T
HURRY,
I'LL-

TLK
TLK

I'LL
GIVE
YOU
MINE
TOO!



YOU
REALLY
DO LIKE
MILK,
AGARI!

WOW!
HE
DRANK
ANOTHER
ONE!



I'M CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE
KODAIRA RUNE!

IF YOU
HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS,
JUST ASK
ME!

AGARI...

GLEAM

Kodaira Rune (10)



TAKE
A...

WHOA!

PERFECT
TIMING!!!
ALL DAY
I'VE HAD
TO...

... TAKE
A P--

CHAK

...
WHAT?

Sayama Makoto (11)

P...
PETER
PARKER.

...

Heh

UNLESS YOU
DO SOMETHING
AWFUL, YOU'LL
ADVANCE WITH-
OUT TAKING
ENTRANCE
EXAMS.

THAT
MEANS
WE'LL
ALWAYS BE
TOGETHER.

THAT
MAKES
ME
HAPPY.

YOU CAN
STAY ON
HERE
THROUGH
HIGH
SCHOOL.

TEE-
HEE!

YOU'RE
GOOD AT
WEIRD
JOKES,
YAMATO!



I'M GLAD
WE CAN BE
FRIENDS,
YAMATO!

I'M
SAYAMA
MAKOTO.

...IS
INCRED-
IBLY
CUTE
!!!

SAYAMA
...

BADUMP



OH, RIGHT!
I FORGOT!!!

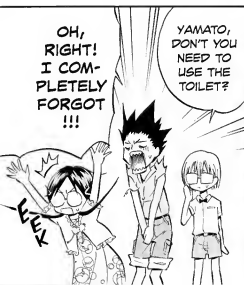
...DID
YOU HAVE
TO PEE?

WHEN YOU
STARTED
TO ASK ME
SOMETHING
EARLIER...

HUH?

UH...
YAMATO?







OOF!

BWUMP

OUTTA
THE
WAY,
YOU!!



YOU
EMBAR-
RASSED
ME!!!

TOK TOK TOK TOK



WHOOSH

**WAAH!
HELP!**



I
DIDN'T!

BAM

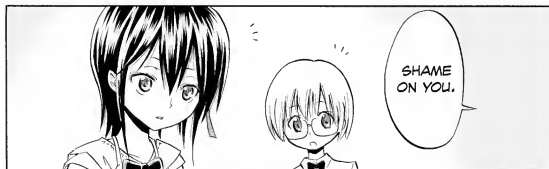
Oume Hibari (10)



BAM

WHY
DID
YOU
FLIP
UP
MY
SKIRT
?!

Ootake Akitsu (11)





WHO'RE YOU
CALLING
BRAWNY,
NEW GUY?!

INTERESTING...
SHALL I
SMITE YOU
WITH MY
SWORD?

HUNH?



YAMATO,
THEY'RE
IN THE
SAME
GRADE.

IF
YOU CAN,
GO RIGHT
AHEAD.

AND
DON'T
YOU
HAVE TO
PEE?

PUNY



HUH?



...
BEING
CALLED
"PUNY"!!

I
HATE
...

URG



GAO



YOU
SAID
THE
FORBID-
DEN
WORD,
BUSTER.

TRANCE
TRANCE

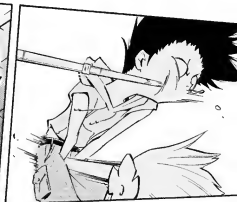
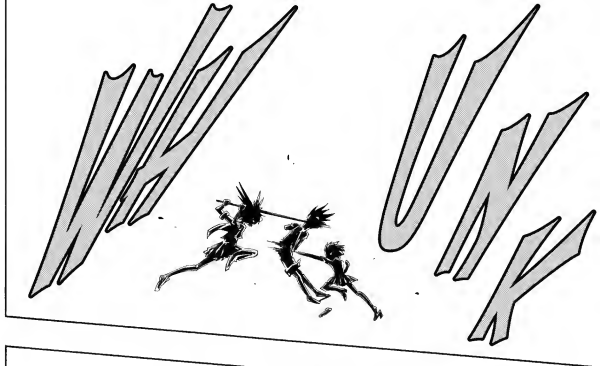
HERE I COME!
I'M FIFTH-RANK
IN KENDO!
BAKUCHIKU-
ZUKI!!
FIRE-
CRACKER
THRUST
!!!



TAKE THIS!
I'M A THIRD-
DEGREE
BLACK BELT
IN KARATE!
SEIKEN:
UME ☆ HOSHI!!
STRAIGHT
PUNCH:
PLUM ☆ STAR!!



WHAAT?!!







THIS IS
TERRIBLE.



I WAS
SUPPOSED
TO START A
NEW LIFE
TODAY!



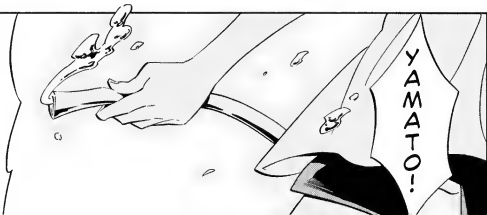
THAT CUTE
GIRL SAW
ME PEE MY
PANTS!

...IS
OVER!



BUT NOW
MY LIFE...

TURN
THIS
WAY!!!







SAYAMA...



THE WAY
A TREE
HIDES
IN THE
FOREST...

SHE'S A
GENIUS!

...SHE'S
HIDING
HIS PEE
WITH
WATER!



SPLOOOOSH

IS SHE
TRYING
TO
COVER
UP MY
ACCIDENT
?!



IT'S
ALMOST
AS IF...

INCRED-
IBLE!!
BUT
SOME-
THING
ISN'T
RIGHT
...



SPLO SSSH

...SHE'S
ATTACKING
HIM TOO!!!





THANK
YOU,
YAMATO
...

YOU'RE
WELCOME!!!

WHY
ARE YOU
SPRAYING
ME?! WE'VE
STILL GOT
AFTERNOON
CLASSES,
YOU JERK!

MY
MANGA!

YAMATO
LIKES
TO HELP
PEOPLE
IN NEED.

YAAAY!
I WANNA
DO IT
TOO!!!

YAHOO

HA HA HA HA HA

WHAT'S
HE GONNA
DO ABOUT
HIS PANTS
...?

BUT IT
WAS ALL
YOUR FAULT,
REALLY.
A FIFTH-
GRADER WHO
WETS HIS
PANTS...?



KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

STAN LEE

As a kid, Stanley Martin Lieber spent a lot of time dreaming up wild adventures. By the time he got to high school, he was putting his imagination to work writing stories at Timely, a publishing company that went on to become the legendary Marvel Comics. Starting with the *Fantastic Four*, Lee and his partner Jack Kirby created just about every superhero you can think of, including *Spider-Man*, the *X-Men*, the *Hulk*, *Iron Man*, *Daredevil* and *Thor*. Along the way, he wrote under many pen names, but the one that stuck was Stan Lee.

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